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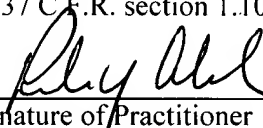
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
(37 C.F.R. section 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. section 708.02 IV)

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because it is for an invention that materially enhances the quality of the environment of mankind, by contributing to the restoration or maintenance of the basic life-sustaining material elements (air, water, and/or soil).

The accompanying declaration by the applicant explains how this invention contributes to the restoration or maintenance of one of these life-sustaining elements.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. section 1.102(c).

  
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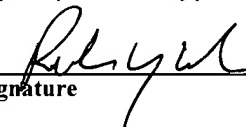
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DECLARATION OF STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL  
BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (M.P.E.P. section 708.02)

I, Alexander Elias Napoles, of 12845 S.W. 49<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Miami, Florida 33175, one of the "inventors" and one of the "applicants" hereby state the following:

1. This invention will help maintain the environmental quality of the air that we breathe. The invention allows fumigators to use less fumigant when performing perishable fumigations upon a product being identified of carrying pests. The invention will decrease the amount of methyl bromide currently being released into our atmosphere when performing methyl bromide fumigations. Methyl bromide is used as an example in this petition. This reduction will be accomplished by fumigating less space than otherwise be fumigated using the established method of fumigating perishables, that being the tenting of refrigerated containers. Tenting the containers requires that at least thirty percent more fumigant be released to our environment because of the greater space being fumigated as opposed to the present invention. The U.S.D.A. is currently using methyl bromide to fumigate perishables entering this country.
2. I allege that this invention will help improve the air that we breathe by allowing less fumigant to be released onto our environment and in addition, the invention may help conserve the ozone layer.
3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signature

Date

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